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Gareth and Catherine Kellett have their photo taken holding a Fire and Ice 2020 frame at the scotch and food tasting event at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Feb. 16. The fundraiser for the Minden Hills Cultural Centre Foundation included a sampling of offerings from area restaurants, bonfires, socializing, access to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, and tasting of a collection of scotch and cognac. See more photos on page 2. /DARREN LUM Staff

Council waits for numbers before setting climate change targets

by JENN WATT
Editor

Members of Minden Hills council said they were eager to set emissions targets for the township, but wanted to wait until more complete population growth numbers were available before doing so.

Korey McKay, the county's climate change co-ordinator, and Craig Douglas, the county's public works director, made a delegation to council at its committee of the whole meeting on Feb. 13 about the emissions the township has direct control over.

According to their information, the Township of Minden Hills has an equivalent of 4,253 tonnes of CO₂ a year, about the same

as 903 vehicles driven a year or the energy use of 509 homes in a year.

About 81 per cent of those emissions come from the waste sector, 12 per cent from fleet, six per cent from buildings and less than one per cent from water and sewage.

McKay's suggestion was that the township set a target of 20 per cent reduction from the 2018 baseline in the buildings sector; 10

per cent in fleet; and 10 per cent in waste by 2030.

Councillors' feedback was supportive of setting targets, but those who spoke were concerned that the targets weren't ambitious enough or that the assumptions behind the numbers were underplaying potential greenhouse gas emissions.

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Warming up

Above, the scotch and food tasting event, Fire and Ice, gave attendees an evening out at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on Sunday of the Family Day weekend. A fundraiser for the MHCC Foundation, Fire and Ice included appetizers from area restaurants, bonfires, access to the Agnes Jamieson Gallery, scotch and cognac tasting and a chance to socialize on a cold winter's night. / DARREN LUM Staff

Left, Andrew Mansfield and Cameron Ferguson play the bagpipes at Fire and Ice.

Council prepared to set ambitious emissions targets: mayor

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Councillor Bob Carter questioned how McKay had projected population growth between 2018 and 2030.

"You have an assumption of population growth of 15.8 per cent, which is compound growth of about one-and-a-quarter per cent. In the last census our growth rate was between six and eight per cent. I'm trying to square that number," he said.

McKay said the number had come from the county's official plan.

Councillor Pam Sayne said she was less concerned about the population growth as she was about focusing on emissions themselves. She said she wanted to see more training of staff on how to measure the emissions their departments

were responsible for.

Coaching was part of the impetus behind the county hiring a climate change co-ordinator, Mayor Brent Devolin said, and indicated that McKay's role would include bringing both staff and councillors up to speed on climate change mitigation.

Devolin echoed Carter's request for more specific population growth information and said if that meant Minden Hills took longer than the county's other lower-tier municipalities, that would be OK.

"What this is saying, if data says we have to lean into this harder and more aggressively, I think philosophically, as a council, we're probably prepared to do that," he said.



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Eleven dogs removed from Minden property

The provincial Ministry of Solicitor General confirmed on Tuesday, Feb. 18 that 11 dogs have been removed from a property in Minden.

On Feb. 13, a ministry spokesperson said eight had been removed and since that time another three have been removed.

Removal of the first eight was "as a result of the owner not complying with orders related to standards of care," a spokesperson said at the time, and that the dogs are now at the humane societies in Kawartha Lakes and Durham region. No details were given about the removal of the three most recent dogs.

Authorities have been actively investigating an allegation

of animal neglect in Minden Hills. On Jan. 22, OPP officers attended a property on County Road 121 in Minden Hills responding to a call involving 14 hunting dogs. Animal welfare inspectors appointed by the Provincial Animal Welfare Services, or PAWS, were called in.

In an update to the *Minden Times* last week, the Ministry of Solicitor General spokesperson said an investigation was underway at two properties in Minden with inspectors responding to both properties and a veterinarian called to assist.

Asked by the *Times* for additional details about the two properties (since the original information had only specified a single property) and about the other dogs (as the original information had said 14 dogs), the ministry spokesperson said it would be inappropriate to provide specific details, as it was an active investigation.



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Sleeping in Cars event to focus on youth

by JENN WATT
Editor

Minden Hills approved a request from Places for People to use the municipal parking lot in Minden and the public washrooms for their second Sleeping in Cars event on March 27.

Nataly Mylan made a presentation to council on Feb. 13 on behalf of the affordable housing charity, saying that this year a focus would be placed on youth homelessness.

Mylan pointed out that the teen years are especially important for neurological development and teenagers aren't equipped to take on adult responsibilities.

"When we're asking that 14-, 15-, 16-year-old kid to turn into an adult overnight, what we're asking ... is physically impossible," she said.

Several members of council participated in Sleeping in Cars last year, which entails participants coming together around a

bonfire, socializing until it is time for bed, and then heading to their cars, where they attempt to get a good night's sleep.

Councillor Ron Nesbitt said he took part last year and pledged to donate this year, but couldn't handle sleeping in a car again.

Councillor Pam Sayne said last year she joined the group, but did not sleep outside as she was worried about getting sick. However, she advocated for the kind of immersive experience that this fundraiser provides, which can give participants a new appreciation for what they have.

"I really appreciate the work that you're doing to highlight this," Sayne said.

Sleeping in Cars will take place in Minden, Haliburton and Wilberforce simultaneously. Money collected by participants will be donated to Places for People.

The Sleeping in Cars event includes a bonfire outside the municipal office before participants retreat to their cars to sleep. /SUE TIFFIN Staff



One-day strike to involve four unions

by CHAD INGRAM
Times Staff

At press time, the province's four major education unions were set to partake in a joint, one-day strike on Friday, Feb. 21, making it the first time in more than 20 years that such a situation has arisen.

Contract talks between the unions and the Ford government began during the summer, and have broken off and resumed at different points since then. There have been ongoing, rotating, one-day strikes by the Elementary Teachers' Federation of Ontario for the past month, and more recently, some of those strike days have included all 83,000 ETFO members throughout the province.

Along with ETFO members, members of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation, the Ontario English Catholic Teachers' Association and the Association des enseignants et des enseignants franco-ontariens are set to hit picket lines on Friday, meaning some 200,000 teachers and education workers will be off the job, affecting 5,000 schools in 72

school boards. It will be the first time that all four of Ontario's major education unions have struck simultaneously since stalled negotiations with the government of former Premier Mike Harris in 1997.

"Educators in every school board will not stay silent as the Ford government proceeds to decimate our publicly funded education system," ETFO president Sam Hammond said in a press release. "Our unions and members helped build Ontario's world-class education system. By not seriously addressing the issues critical to students and student learning, the Ford government has made a sham of contract talks over the last seven months."

Priorities for ETFO include maintaining the current kindergarten program, smaller class sizes, resources for students with special needs, as well as teacher compensation. Along with continuing strike action, elementary school students are not receiving report cards, and field trips and extracurricular activities have been cancelled.

Special education and supports for students with mental health issues have also been a priority for the Catholic teachers' union.

"We are already seeing the effects of this government's

reckless education cuts," OECTA president Liz Stuart said in a release. "The Ford government is reducing supports for students with special education needs and mental health issues. It is squeezing students into overcrowded classes and forcing high school students to take e-learning courses. If we allow the government to implement its plan fully, thousands of teaching positions and tens of thousands of course options will be lost."

On Tuesday, it was announced that a mediator was calling the government and parties involved in negotiations for the Catholic teachers' union back to the table.

"Students belong in class," Education Minister Stephen Lecce said in a press release regarding OECTA. "My objective has always been to reach deals with our education labour partners – deals that are fair to students, hard-working parents, and our valued teachers and education workers. I am pleased the mediator has called all parties back to the negotiating table, as we have always said, we stand ready to negotiate to reach a deal that keeps students in class. The government has demonstrated our commitment to reaching a deal by affirming our commitment to maintaining all-day kindergarten, investing in special education needs, and keeping classroom sizes low."



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2020 Budget for the Minden Cemetery Board;
 2020 Minden Water Rates By-law;
 2020 Minden Sewer Rates By-law;
 2020 Lutterworth Water Rates By-law; and
 2020 Estimates By-law

Councillors seek clarity on 'value-added' arena items

by JENN WATT
Editor

Considerable confusion regarding "value-added" items for the arena project remains following a discussion at Minden Hills council on Feb. 13 in which a large, multi-coloured spreadsheet was presented to councillors.

In December, Councillor Bob Carter had raised concerns about whether a previously prioritized list of value-added items was being followed. At February's meeting, CAO/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard tried to clarify the process, but the report still wasn't clear to all.

"Quite frankly, as I enjoy the palette of colours that you've presented today, I'm not totally certain that I now know what's in and what's out," Carter said at Thursday's meeting, referring to the three-page colour-coded spreadsheet Blanchard presented.

Value-added items on the list include a range of extras from a canopy at the rear entrance to paving the entire parking lot to artistic murals.

Councillor Pam Sayne said that she found the process complicated and was confused by what was considered an extra and what was, or should have been, part of the original \$12.5 million quoted for the rebuild. She referred to an earlier part of the process in which a stack of books was presented to councillors with details about the project.

"So, the original value-added amount included in that stack was \$252,000," Blanchard replied. "Off the top of my head I apologize I don't know exactly what that list was, but it was made very clear those were value-added and were not included in the \$12.5 [million]."

Carter said he would like to see a clear list of items of what is left to fund after the cost of the projects covered by the \$132,000 Trillium grant were taken into account, minus the other projects previously agreed to by council. He said he understood that Blanchard's spreadsheet may be complicated because that is what she needs for her purposes, but it needed to be more straightforward for council.

"What I was attempting to do here was to say, it does all match," Blanchard said. "You received two completely different looking reports [last year], but the items didn't change, the priorities didn't change..."

Mayor Brent Devolin said he wasn't worried that the numbers weren't matching up, but agreed with Carter that the presentation of the information wasn't easy to digest.

"Remember there used to be those posters that you'd look at ... and you'd relax your eyes and then you'd see it in 3D? For most of us... we don't conceptualize it that way. ... I know the numbers all match, I'm not worried about that," Devolin said.

Carter said he was happy to wait until more definitive numbers came in from outstanding bids.



Jim Mitchell, a member of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre advisory committee, speaks to members of council about the budget during a public meeting on Feb. 13. /JENN WATT Staff

Proposed tax increase unchanged in fourth budget draft

by JENN WATT
Editor

Few comments were made during a public meeting on the draft 2020 Minden Hills budget on Feb. 13. Following a presentation on the fourth draft by CAO/treasurer Lorrie Blanchard, outlining a 2.15 per cent residential rate increase (the required levy increase represents a 5.3 per cent increase over the 2019 levy), Mayor Brent Devolin asked if anyone in the audience wanted to speak against the budget.

Jim Mitchell, a member of the Minden Hills Cultural Centre advisory committee, said that he wanted to register his displeasure that the economic development and cultural centre's budget had decreased, while other departments were receiving increases.

The draft budget shows the economic development marketing and destination officer's budget at \$524,535, a decrease of \$32,045 from 2019.

Mitchell said sometimes people didn't

appreciate the importance of the arts to the community.

"I think the intrinsic value they [the arts] add to the community, plus the fact that people come in for specific events to the cultural centre and also spend money in other parts of the community is overlooked sometimes," he said.

Following the meeting, Emily Stonehouse, the economic development marketing and destination officer, clarified that cuts made to the budget had come primarily from the economic development side of her department's budget. She said money flowing to the cultural centre was up from 2019.

Speaking to another issue in the budget, Councillor Pam Sayne said that she was again disappointed that an organizational review was not included. She said efficiencies could likely be found if such a review was conducted.

Sayne also asked that township staff be sure to allocate appropriate resources to lawn mowing and snow removal.



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State of the art equipment at heart of campaign

by JENN WATT
Editor

New equipment at both the Minden and Haliburton sites of Haliburton Highlands Health Services is helping health professionals more easily take care of patients.

On Feb. 14, a day dedicated to the heart, members of the HHHS Foundation and the media were invited to see the new cardiac telemetry and cardiographs in the emergency department and acute care at the Haliburton hospital, paid for through donations from the public.

"It's really state of the art and it's really nice in a smaller facility to have equipment like that, that we can use that gives us the best patient care that we can [offer]," said Karen Harris, a registered nurse at HHHS.

Central monitors at the nurse's station show readings from all the patients at once and include interactive displays that allow for better monitoring.

"What you see here is all our different monitors that are at the various bedsides all consolidated into one screen. So for each of these patients they have a monitor at the bedside so you can also [have] all the same functionality, really," said Dr. Diane Duff, chief nurse executive and VP clinical services.

Portable telemetry units allow the patients to move around while they're being monitored and assist health professionals in understanding how the patient's daily activities affect their heart.

Dr. Duff said the new equipment came at just the right moment. Days before it was to be installed, the old system began making a grinding noise, which got louder and noisier as time progressed.



Michael LeBlanc, the cook at Haliburton Highlands Health Services, learns he's won \$20,000 in the Cash for Care draw at the Haliburton hospital site on Feb. 14. /JENN WATT Staff

"Before [the new equipment] we used to have just the cardiac monitors in a couple of our rooms and so if we had people that had to be monitored, then we had to switch around beds to make sure that the patients were being monitored, whereas now, any of the beds

anywhere on our unit can do cardiac monitoring. So this is such a versatile system," she said.

The HHHS Foundation raised \$525,000 for the cardiac telemetry equipment, which has been installed at the Minden and Haliburton

emergency departments and in the acute department. An additional \$45,000 was raised for the cardiographs, which are available at both the Minden and Haliburton emergency departments.

In addition to the tour, on Friday the HHHS Foundation held their final three draws in their annual Cash for Care lottery with one lucky winner on-site to hear his name called out.

Michael LeBlanc, the cook at HHHS, was in the lobby of the Haliburton site watching the tickets being drawn when his was pulled from the drum for the \$20,000 prize.

LeBlanc has worked for HHHS for five years and said he buys tickets each year. He said winning felt very nice, but was unable to answer more interview questions as he said he needed to go serve lunch.

The \$1,000 winner was Doris Pierson of Eagle Lake and the \$2,000 prize went to George Milne of Oshawa.

Volunteers with a skill for fixing needed

Clothing, small appliances, old clocks, bikes, jewelry, electronics, lamps, lamps and more lamps in need of some tender care are being gathered in anticipation of the second SIRCH Repair Café event, and volunteers who like tinkering, pulling apart and figuring out are welcome to come join and be matched with something they might fix.

After the success of the first Repair Café event last month resulted in happy participants with a diverse assortment of newly-patched, mended or otherwise repaired items, SIRCH Community Services is looking to

add to their team of volunteers with additional fixers, demonstrators and general support help for the second café.

"There is minimal commitment and it's a very fun and rewarding initiative to be part of," said Chris Varga, Repair Café co-ordinator. "If you are a student wishing to pursue a technical career, a retired expert in your field, or anyone in between, you will really enjoy being part of the SIRCH Repair Café initiative."

Varga said the event also offers a great opportunity for volunteers to promote their ex-

isting fixing/upcycling business, learn about the possibilities of starting one, network with likeminded people and find talent.

The second SIRCH Repair Café of six to be held between January and August 2020 takes place at Archie Stouffer Elementary School at 12 Vintage Crescent on March 7 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

For more information about the event, see the video from the first Repair Café event at www.sirch.on.ca/repaircafe. To get involved, apply online at the same link, or email organizers at info@sirch.on.ca.



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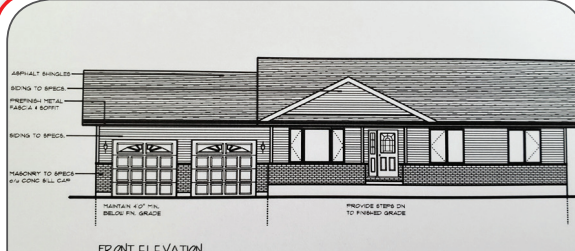
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Call for clarity

“AS MUCH AS this is transparent it’s almost not understandable without a great deal of study, which makes it pretty opaque.”

That’s what Minden Hills Councillor Bob Carter had to say during a meeting last week, regarding a complicated, colour-coded spreadsheet detailing the “value-added items” for the township’s arena project.

If councillors themselves are having trouble following the finances of the nearly \$13-million project, then where does that leave the residents of Minden Hills?

As readers following the story of the arena project will be aware, these “value-added items” are aspects of the project not included in its main budget, and total hundreds of thousands of dollars. They include everything from paving the balance of the parking lot to a canopy at the rear of the building to murals to office and lobby furniture.

While a grant from the Ontario Trillium Foundation will pay for more than \$130,000 worth of items from the list, at this point, the value of the items yet to be approved totals more than \$200,000. If there is any contingency money remaining at the project’s conclusion – which seems very unlikely given that council approved an additional \$250,000 in contingency funding at the request of the builder in December – some of those funds could be used for value-added items. It’s also possible that money collected by the project’s fundraising group may go toward some of those items.

In December, Carter also took issue with the fact that while council had

approved a list of value-added items worth about \$150,000 in late June, those items were prioritized in a different order in a December report from staff.

“We’re approving things, now we’re taking this out,” Carter said at the time, with then-community services director Mark Coleman taking responsibility for any misunderstanding that had occurred. Coleman, who was central to the arena project, recently left the township for a position with another municipality, the optics of which, frankly, are not great, given that the arena project is not yet complete.

**CHAD INGRAM**
Reporter

Coleman had been giving council monthly updates on the arena project, that responsibility now falling to the township’s chief administrative officer-treasurer, who attempted to clarify the situation regarding value-added items with the spreadsheet that was part of last week’s agenda.

Carter was not the only member of council having trouble digesting the information, with Councillor Pam Sayne saying she’d found the value-added item process confusing, including what was supposed to be or not supposed to be included in the project’s main budget, which now sits at \$12.75 million.

The project is large and complicated, but it’s clear that the information regarding its “value-added items” needs to be presented in a more concise, digestible way.

If members of Minden Hills council themselves are having trouble clearly understanding what’s happening, it’s pretty difficult to expect their constituents to.

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The big perch conundrum

ON SUNDAY, I was ice fishing when a near disaster occurred – my first fish was a nice, plump 11-inch perch, the biggest one I have ever caught around here.

Many people unfamiliar with ice fishing might not think this would present a problem, but they have never been ice fishing so what do they know about problems?

There’s plenty wrong with this.

First, I was fishing for rainbow trout. Second, it was a perch.

Don’t get me wrong, there is nothing wrong with perch. They are a fine fish to eat. The issue, however, is you need at least half a dozen that size to make a meal.

So, as soon as you catch a perch when fishing for rainbows, you have to decide whether you will invest your time and effort into catching more perch or continue trying for your target species.

I think we can all agree, this is not a decision to be taken lightly. If you go for trout, you should probably release the perch, since, unless you are dieting, it is really no good to you as a solo fish.

But here’s where the conundrum comes in. If you do decide to release it, this is your first mistake. If you decide to keep it, that’s your second.

Permit me to explain.

Option one: Releasing a perch, especially a plump, jumbo like I caught, just means the fish gods will taunt you by immediately allowing you to catch another of similar size or better. That means you will be kicking yourself for letting go of the first one.

But you did release it and so you are back to square one, standing on the ice with a single perch. So again, you have to decide

whether to keep or release it.

If you decide to release you will probably repeat option one. If you decide to keep it, option two will immediately come into play.

Option two: You won’t catch another fish – not a rainbow nor a perch. You might catch a smallmouth bass, but only because they are out of season and must be returned.

This leaves you with the third, lesser known option – what most anglers refer to it as the nuclear option.

You can keep the perch, cut your losses and immediately go home. Of course, this is not without risk.

Other ice anglers will immediately notice you are leaving and stop by to pretend to be sociable but in actuality to claim the holes you drilled – and you will show them what you caught.

Then, they will know that there are big perch in the area. This will mean that they will also catch a perch after you

leave and in roughly a week someone will set up a big-money perch derby over the very hole you raised that fish through.

So what is the up side?

Well, if you are vague enough about how you chose this spot and forget to mention you were targeting rainbows, people will start referring to you as “The Perch Master,” which, let’s face it, is not exactly every angler’s dream but much better than “The Sucker King.”

Those who have never gone ice fishing will probably now suggest a fourth choice – just shutting up, hiding the perch under your tackle and telling passing anglers that you have been skunked. This sounds plausible on the surface, but as I said these people have never been ice fishing...

**STEVE GALEA**
Beyond 35

IN OTHER WORDS

Columns and Letters to the Editor

A clear and present danger

THE HIT MOVIE *Parasite*, winner of this year's best picture Oscar, may be fiction but it reflects what is happening in real life today. *Parasite* tells a story of class prejudices and greed creating violence between a rich, privileged family and a poor, low class one.

It is a story that many of us see developing around us every day. In real life, social inequality is creating class conflicts that threaten the health of our democracies. More and more people, including some wealthy ones, are beginning to blame all this on failures of our capitalistic system.

Our capitalism simply is not inclusive – not producing good things for enough people. It is making the rich more rich and the poor more poor. A variety of polls and reports show that most economic growth is going to the richest part of the population.



JIM POLING SR.

From Shaman's Rock

The development charity Oxfam says that in 2018 the world's richest 2,200 billionaires saw a 12 per cent increase in wealth, while the world's poorest people saw an 11 per cent decrease.

Ekos, the Canadian research company, has reported that 70 per cent of those it polled feel that almost all economic growth in the last 20 years has gone to the top one per cent of the population.

Anand Giridharadas, author of the 2018 book *Winners Take All: The Elite Charade of Changing the World*, says that "we live in an age that has been absolutely punishing for perhaps the majority of middle and working class"

Few could argue truthfully that the middle class is not suffering. Most of us in the shrinking middle class see our monthly bills increasing while our incomes remain stagnant, or even shrink.

Our capitalist system is broken, but I don't think it needs to be replaced. It needs fixing, and even some well-known capitalists admit that.

"I'm a capitalist and even I think capitalism is broken," Ray Dalio, billionaire founder of Bridgewater hedge fund, said last year. "The problem is that capitalists typically don't know how to divide the pie well and socialists typically don't know how to grow it well."

A U.S. Gallup poll conducted in 2018 reported that only 45 per cent of Americans, ages 18 to 29, are positive about capitalism, a 12-point drop over two years. In 2010, 68 per cent of this age group were positive.

A 2019 Forum Poll found that 42 per cent of Canadians have a negative opinion of capitalism. Those Canadians most likely to view capitalism negatively were in the 18 to 44 age bracket.

The social damage caused by this inequality is being reported more often now, notably in films such as *Parasite* and in fairly recent books such as *Hillbilly Elegy*, *Tightrope*, and *Educated*, all of which document the damaging toll on families unable to access education and economic opportunities.

One suggested way of starting to fix capitalism is to tax the rich more heavily. Both Microsoft's Bill Gates and Starbucks founder Howard Schultz have argued for higher taxes on the rich.

Also, reforms that would allow low-income families better access to education, health care and housing would make the system more equal.

Certainly, the warning signals of revolutionary upheaval caused by the widening crevice between rich and poor are becoming obvious.

The 15th edition of the World Economic Forum's *Global Risks Report* has warned that financial inequality continues to intensify, and a result could be economic confrontations and domestic political polarization. We've certainly seen the latter in both the U.S. and Canada.

Bridgewater's Dalio has warned that growing inequality in the U.S. could lead to "great conflict and some form of revolution unless capitalism is reformed."

Reform is needed, and urgently, so that our capitalistic system produces better lives for everyone, not just those who already are getting an unfair share.

The World Economic Forum warns: "The challenges before us demand immediate collective action, but fractures within the global community appear to only be widening. Stakeholders need to act quickly and with purpose within an unsettled global landscape."

Strong leadership is required to get the fixing done. Strong leadership particularly in politics. Strong leadership by people who do what they know must be done, not what their political parties or rich friends want.

letters to the editor

Join the teachers on Feb. 21

To the Editor,

In 1997, Barbara Ehrenreich published an essay titled *Spinning the Poor into Gold: How corporations seek to profit from welfare reform* based on her experience attending a conference billed as an opportunity to "Capitalize on the massive growth potential of the new world of welfare reform... Profit from the opportunities available."

Over the years since, I have watched as the privatization of welfare, health, education, water and other government services has spread around the world, as governments are convinced that removing services from the public purse seems like a good idea and provides quick cash to put against some debt brought about by the feverish need for tax cuts and corporate subsidies. The result in the U.S. and the U.K., where this has been going on for years, is poorer profit-driven service, lower wages and overall higher costs.

In Ontario, after a campaign of American-style propaganda, outright lies and deficit chicanery, the current Ontario government feels it has a mandate to strip assets and move them into the private sector under the guise of "cutting red tape and efficiencies."

The Ontario government has just quietly launched a three-year pilot program in for-profit welfare in Hamilton-Niagara, Peel and Muskoka-Kawartha.

Quoting the *Catholic Register*: "These three regions will be the forerunners of a province-wide system the government has already mapped out. Eventually, Ontario will be carved into 15 regions. In each region, municipalities, non-profits and for-profit corporations will be invited to bid through a 'Request for Proposals' process to manage the caseload of clients on Ontario Works (OW) and the Ontario Disability Support Program (ODSP) in each region."

Also, watch for more propaganda about the

wonders of private public partnerships (P3s) for hospitals, etc. that seem, in the long run, to leave the profits to the corporations and the costs to the public. The classic is the Hwy 407 deal.

Turning to education. I am now very fortunate, it seems, to have gone through the Ontario public school system during the Bill Davis years, when the baby boom required new schools, and there was a real interest in education. The government invested heavily in education and there was a general sense that government actually cared and responded to public need.

Now, we have a government whose actions, rather than words, demonstrate no interest in quality public education. The minister, who comes from a private school background, is promoting the idea that Ontario model our education system (e-learning) after Alabama, the poorest ranked education system in the U.S. Ontario has a top ranked public system and the RepubliCons are intent on a private organization dismantling it. The teachers are being vilified with fake ads and now the government is suggesting that teachers should be tested for math competency. This from a government who did a big "oops" on the size of the budget that was the basis and rationale for all the cost-cutting and "efficiencies." Many parents and students are now facing the nightmare the new policies are creating.

There is an obvious thrust for more privatization of education, health, welfare and other services in Ontario. The teachers are standing up against what they can see to be very detrimental to a future Ontario. If you want to show some resistance to these and other government policies, join the teachers on Friday, Feb. 21 for the one-day province-wide strike for better education and a better future. And don't stop there. *Resist* where you see the need. It is past time to push back.

Eric Lilius

February is Heart Month

IKNOW THAT February is Heart Month. Given the business that I'm in I feel every month should be heart month.

As one website stated, February is the month for the world to celebrate the heart. From what I could find, it was President Lyndon B. Johnson who established Heart Month in 1963 in the United States (apparently Heart Week was started in 1947 - I guess a week wasn't long enough for the message to get out there). The intention was to bring attention to the problem of heart and circulatory diseases that was growing amongst Americans. It was also meant to bring support to programs that were created to provide solutions to the problem. I couldn't find out when Heart Month was established in Canada but we do have our own version.

A statement made by Health Canada from a couple of years ago says:

"Heart disease affects approximately 2.4 million Canadian adults, and is the second leading cause of death in Canada. We can all reduce our risk of heart disease by making healthy lifestyle choices, including quitting smoking, eating a healthy and balanced diet, getting enough sleep, exercising regularly, and monitoring blood pressure and cholesterol levels."

Any current information I could find says that there are still 2.4 million Canadian adults that are affected by heart disease. While I

am sure that the awareness programs around lifestyle changes are making a difference my question is, how much of a difference are they making?

The human body is a system. The heart is a key component of that system but it does not need to be treated differently from any of the other components that we can supposedly live without. As an example, and this isn't a

scientific statement, but if poor lifestyle choices have messed up your gallbladder, it can be removed. You can live without it but not without consequences because the gallbladder has a role in a complex system that turns food into energy. That energy moves your body and allows your brain to think the thoughts it thinks. It's all interconnected. If we mess with one part it affects the other.

How about we make every moment of every day a moment of awareness? We can do this by constantly checking in with ourselves. A simple question that works is "how am I feeling right now?" If the answer is anything but "good" the next step is to think about what is lacking in the way of nutrition, rest/sleep and/or movement/exercise. That's the magic pill to great health that everyone is looking for. It comes in three parts.

Something to think about.

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Practical Fitness

Concern over draft shoreline bylaw

by **SUE TIFFIN**
Times Staff

Residents concerned and interested in a shoreline protection draft bylaw, many of them associated with the building industry or lakefront property owners, filled the visitors' gallery at county council for a discussion of the bylaw at a meeting of county council on Feb. 12.

The goals and objectives of the enhanced bylaw include ensuring no further loss of natural shorelines, increasing the proportion of natural/native vegetative cover, and working toward a goal of 75 per cent natural/native vegetative cover overall for better lake health.

The proposed new protections include the protection of natural shoreline vegetation, regulating site alteration and regulating cleaning and clearing of land, combined with the continued protection of trees.

In her report to council, county director of planning Charley White said the planning department had been directed by council to create the draft bylaw not just to protect the trees on the shoreline, but to line up with the county and municipal official plans "to protect lake quality and quantity of water, as well as the environment, wetland areas," and a number of areas deemed by the province to be of natural and scientific interest.

As part of the planning process White had approached the four lower-tier councils throughout the county in spring 2019 for support of the draft bylaw, and the county's planning department had sought public input on the content and scope of the proposed bylaw through an online survey that garnered hundreds of comments. Based in part on the wide variety of comments received, White and the



Residents concerned about and interested in a draft shoreline preservation bylaw attended a county council meeting held Feb. 12 to hear discussion around the first draft. /SUE TIFFIN Staff

planning department team drafted the bylaw, which had undergone legal review.

"What we tried to do when crafting the language of the bylaw, is come into the middle," she said. "And maybe that's not where council wants to direct us to continue, but that's what this conversation and process is really for."

She noted she was seeking direction from council on next steps, including further public consultation and said that points within the draft bylaw were open to discussion.

The draft bylaw states that the minimum required set-back for new development is 30 metres "measured over a horizontal distance inland from the high water mark of a body of water," which White clarified does not apply to existing development legally permitted at the time of building or establishment,

including trailer parks, noting that in some cases moving established infrastructure can result in more environmental damage to the shoreline.

Councillors with their own questions as well as questions submitted to them from their constituents asked for stipulations on points throughout the draft bylaw. Councillor Patrick Kennedy asked if real estate signs would be included in restrictions to signs on public or private shoreline in a "public nuisances" section of the draft, with White explaining the signs had to be posted with permission from the owner, and could not be fastened to a live tree.

Regarding a "noise, vibration, odour and dust," section that restricts an "excessive amount of smoke, dust or airborne particulate matter," White said it didn't relate to fire pits or barbecues and was more speaking to revving of watercraft engines at the shoreline, noting details were open to discussion when Kennedy said that wasn't clear in the bylaw.

In a section about site alteration, the removal of fill or placement of fill on the land within the shoreline area, White said a permit process would be enacted.

"This is where that permit process would come in," she said. "We're not saying you can't do it, what we're saying is you can do it with certain proper development and design guidelines."

"I'm reading this that if we want to put a pathway in, we're going to need to do an environmental impact study," said Councillor Cec Ryall, suggesting that some of the points in the draft bylaw would cause "delays beyond reasonable intelligence."

"There is a list of exemptions that are built into the bylaw," said White. "So that what you're talking about, bringing a path down ... no, absolutely not, you're not going to

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HALIBURTON COUNTY HOME BUILDERS ASSOCIATION

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need an environmental assessment study. That would be, as you say, onerous and time consuming. So it's reasonable development versus site alteration and what is an actual impact. Is there a potential for negative impact, that's when we would get into the need for a permit. Not, I have a garden, I'm going to add some topsoil to my garden. That's exempted. If you're looking to do a whole clearing of the shoreline and the trees, and changing your slope and grade and you're adding beach, that requires a permit. But a pathway so you and your family can go down to your dock, that doesn't require a permit. And that is outlined in the bylaw."

White said other exemptions include work by surveyors, hydro workers, and legislative exemptions.

Kennedy said he has had it explained to him that in terms of days that are suitable for work such as construction, there are only about 150 days in the year, and that any sort

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Public consultation to gather more perspectives on draft bylaw

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of misinformed complaints regarding compliance with the bylaw, delay in turnaround time for staff to carry out inspections, or other unexpected encumbrances could greatly affect work projects. White said that was an important part of the conversation, to determine how the bylaw could best be enforced in an efficient manner.

Councillors raised concerns about possible additional staff to help enforce the bylaw, and the cost of their office space, vehicles, etc. as well as the reality of enforcing some parts of the bylaw itself.

"To me, parts of this seem very similar to our fireworks bylaw, it's really nice to have it in theory, but impossible to enforce," said Councillor Carol Moffatt.

Ryall said he believed in keeping the lakes clean, but was concerned about stifling an industry.

"We have to have a balance of good intentions for the future of the community that would allow ... work to continue and people to be employed," said Moffatt.

White said previous direction from council was to try to have a bylaw in place for the summer but that she was concerned that would not happen if public consultation included a suggested summer public meeting.

Councillor Brent Devolin said it was necessary to "take the appropriate amount of time to do the consultation," a statement repeatedly made by councillors throughout the discussion.

Councillors noted the topic was a contentious one, on which they'd received much feedback from constituents last week by phone and email when the draft bylaw was made publicly available.

"I've had some feedback already on the proposed bylaw and it's, the comments are a world apart," said Danielsen.

The Coalition of Haliburton Property Owners' Associations board chairman Paul MacInnes, who was in attendance at last week's meeting, has advocated for the creation of a county-wide shoreline protection bylaw mandating naturalized shorelines, and presented a detailed report to council last spring stressing the benefits of natural shorelines.

"The lakes are the foundation of Haliburton County," MacInnes said at that time, noting that everything the community is built on – cottaging, tourism, real estate, its jobs – is ultimately tied to its nearly 600 lakes. He said water quality in any lake with less than 75 per cent natural shoreline was decreasing and that throughout Haliburton County, just 48 per cent of the shoreline is natural and that it's critical to protect what is left.

He said he thought there might be "lots of misconceptions" about what the draft bylaw affects.

Keith Thomas, president of Francis Thomas Contracting Company Ltd. and president of the

Haliburton County Home Builders Association, told the *Times* that HCHBA members attended the meeting to "show the seriousness of the proposed bylaw." "While the health of our lakes is vital to the economic well-being of the county, the impact this may have on the construction/landscaping industries needs to be seriously considered," he wrote in an email.

"The concern with the draft, as with many things in life, is the fear of the unknown," he said. "As the draft covers a broad spectrum of activities that would be limited within the defined shoreline, potential impacts could range from the loss of jobs to considerable fluctuations in realty markets."

Aggie Tose, executive officer of HCHBA, told the *Times* "...we all care for the environment and lake quality in Haliburton County. We live here, fish here, work here, employ here and so do our kids. We also care for the economic value of our towns, properties and businesses."

She said she felt that stakeholders hadn't been consulted about the creation of the original draft bylaw, and that the survey used to draft the bylaw had too few respondents. "The survey itself says that it had 765 total visits with 157 engaged visitors," said Tose. "The Haliburton County census from 2016 shows 18,062 residents. That means approximately four

per cent of Haliburton County was consulted. This is concerning because cottagers drive the economy in Haliburton County. Cottagers will not buy, build or renovate if government continues to add layers of red tape."

White was asked to return to council with options for proposed public consultation that would take into consideration the timing and locations of any sort of public meeting so that as many agents and seasonal residents could attend.

"We want to have enough nets to capture as much as possible so that as has been expressed, the feeling that this has kind of been done in the dark behind everyone's backs, it hasn't," said Moffatt.

Tose said she felt relieved that public consultation might offer the opportunity for HCHBA members to further discuss the draft bylaw, and said she believed "that our numbers showed council that they need to take more time."

"We appreciate the declaration of [county council] to make this right the first time," said Tose. "We are committed to working together to see the best outcome for all concerned."

"While with every bylaw we understand that it is impossible to please everyone, but we are optimistic that a bylaw can be drafted such that industry and growth does not suffer," said Thomas.



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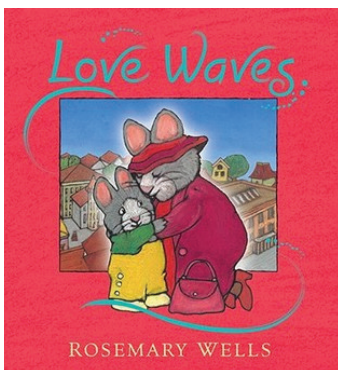


Mike Hamilton

Book of the Month February

Love Waves by Rosemary Wells

Love Waves are powerful forces that we send to our loved ones until we can be together again. Invisible and strong, they can fly across town or across the country,



or even around the world, proving beyond a shadow of a doubt that neither time nor space can keep love from finding its target. Combining a wonderfully concrete concept with her cozy pastel illustrations, celebrated children's author Rosemary Wells offers an ingenious way to ease the separation anxiety many chil-

dren feel when their parents go to work, or live in separate homes; when close friends or relatives move, or live far away; or whenever a loved one's absence calls for an extra dose of reassurance. *Love Waves* is available to reserve at the Haliburton County Public Library.



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Hawks rink crowned provincial champions

The Haliburton Highlands Secondary School's boys curling team are provincial champions, capturing the Ontario School Curling Provincial Championship with a dramatic finish in an extra end final shot by skip Jacob Dobson.

The Red Hawks competed in the 72nd installment of the school provincial championships (formerly known as the Gores) from Thursday, Feb. 13, Saturday to Feb. 15 in Chatham, Ont.

To qualify for the provincial competition, the boys advanced from the zone competition held in Haliburton, Dec. 21, 2019 to earn a berth to the regional competition held from Feb. 1 to 2 in Richmond Hill where they became the A champions, which earned the team a spot in the provincial finals with seven other regional teams. The eight team field was divided into two pools of four, and the competition started with three round-robin, eight-end games on Thursday and Friday. The top two teams from each pool then advanced to the playoffs on Saturday.

The Red Hawks team consists of skip Dobson (Grade 11), vice, Liam Little (Grade 12), second, Corin Gervais (Grade 10), and lead, Owen Nicholls (Grade 9).

In their first game in pool B on Thursday, Feb. 13 at 3 p.m., the Red Hawks defeated St. John's College of Brantford 9-1 after six ends. In their second game, Friday, Feb. 14, Haliburton defeated Kitchener-Waterloo Collegiate Institute by a score of 8-1 after five ends. In their third game, the Red Hawks played Glengarry District High School, who also had a record of 2-0 going into game three. In a close game with three blank ends and five ends with only one point scored, Glengarry came out ahead with a score of 3-2. With a round robin record of 2-1, the Red Hawks advanced to the playoffs. Based on comparative shot percentage in their position during the round robin, Little and Gervais were named second team all-stars, and Nicholls was named first team all-star.

In the semifinal playoff game Saturday morning at 9 a.m., the Red Hawks faced the hometown favourites Ursuline, winners of Pool A with a 3-0 record. With a full house of local fans cheering on Ursuline, the Hawks were in control of the game throughout, never falling behind as they won 6-5.

In the championship game on Saturday afternoon at 1 p.m., the Red Hawks faced the Carlton Place Bears. The Hawks dominated the first five ends with a series of steals and were ahead 5-0, but the Bears fought back to take three in the sixth and one in the sev-



The Red Hawks boys curling team of vice, Liam Little, lead, Owen Nicholls, coach Darrell Dobson, second, Corin Gervais and skip, Jacob Dobson came together for a group photo with the Gore Trophy after winning the 72nd edition of the (formerly Gore Mutual) Ontario School Curling Championships held from Feb. 13 to 15 at the Chatham Granite Club in Chatham, Ont. The Hawks beat Carleton Place High School 6-5 in extra ends. /Submitted by Darrell Dobson

enth. The Bears were laying two in the eighth behind the secure cover of numerous guards and looked about to win, when Haliburton skip Jacob Dobson used his last stone to sneak through the field and nudge a Carlton stone enough to hold the Bears to a 5-5 tie in the eighth. In the extra end, the Bears were again sitting two behind numerous guards when Dobson executed a very difficult shot through a small port and finished with just the right amount of curl and the perfect weight to draw perfectly to the button. Victory seemed imminent – until the Bears' skip managed

the unlikely prospect of following the same pathway – but with more weight (and therefore different curl) required to displace the Hawks' stone and take over possession of the button – centre of the house. By this time all the other games had finished, but no one had left the building as everyone stopped to watch the dramatic finale. The silence was absolute as Dobson sat in the hack contemplating the daunting shot required. His rock slid through the portal. This time it was the Red Hawks' rock that nudged the Bears off the pin as everyone in the building held their

breath waiting to see where each rock would come to rest. It was only when Hawks lead Nicholls raised his arms and shouted, "We won!" that the players and audience exploded in appreciation for the epic battle that ended with three remarkable shots from the skips of each team. Hawks won 6-5. Everyone in the building felt they had witnessed a remarkable event.

As well as the right to display the large Gore Trophy for a year, the boys each received a personal trophy, the coveted Champion's badge, and an Ontario School Curling Provincial Championship jacket.

This is the third year in a row for a trip to provincial level competition for Red Hawks Dobson and Little. In 2018, the team was fourth in the province at this same competition, and last year, along with Gervais, the team was fifth at the OFSAA Championship.

The team is coached by Darrell Dobson, Hugh Nichol, and Russ Duhaime.

Dobson said, "Hugh Nichol has been running and coaching the youth curling program at the Haliburton Curling Club for seven years, and for the last two years, it has grown to three days a week. He has taught all these boys to curl and deserves credit for their success. So does Russ Duhaime who has also worked tirelessly for years to coach youth curling. In addition, we have been fortunate to have the support of HHSS principal Chris Boulay, who was a leader within TLDSB figuring out how to have Haliburton County students participate in these events in the midst of the ongoing labour dispute. TLDSB policy is that teachers currently are not able to participate in extracurricular activities during the school day, but the team was able to make it work with parent volunteers."

The Hawks curlers have no chance to rest as the Kawartha curling championship runs from Tuesday, Feb. 18 to Wednesday, Feb. 19 in Omemee. The girls' Red Hawks curling team will also compete at Kawartha championship, where they will be supervised by retired teacher, Melissa Stephens.

This provincial team title is one of a few ever won by the Hawks in school history. Previously, the school's curling teams won the Gore provincial title twice, a girls' team in 2014 and a boys' team in 2009.

Coach Dobson says, "The whole county can be proud that the new Ontario School Curling Provincial Championship banner will join the two already on the wall at the Haliburton Curling Club."

Submitted by Darrell Dobson

Hawks spikers seize opportunity with victory, advance to playoffs

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Competing was a win unto itself for the senior Hawks volleyball team even before they stepped onto the court against the Titans of St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School on Feb. 12 in Lindsay for a Kawartha Championship playoff qualifier.

Last week, Haliburton Highlands Secondary coaches had told their players athletic seasons were over (unless games were after or outside school hours) as a result of the school board's cancellation of extracurriculars during school hours. This week that bad news was supplanted with good news.

Days before the Kawartha qualifier, coach Steve Smith sent a message outlining the efforts of the teachers and coaches to keep sports going.

"As long as we don't disrupt the classroom with classroom teachers/coaches being

able to go," he said. "There have been many teachers, administrators and retired teachers called to make this happen."

As a result, the junior and senior volleyball teams and senior basketball team competed last week. More calls were being made for other sports.

The team took the opportunity and went undefeated (4-0) on the day in qualifying matches against the Titans (27-25 and 25-11) and then the Brock Bulldogs (25-14 and 25-20) to earn their berth to the Kawartha Championship playoffs.

When the coaches Steve Smith and Michelle Backus told their players about being able to finish the season, there was elation.

"The girls were totally excited and over the moon when we told them about the possibility of them finishing off their season. There was a lot of cheering, yelling and a few tears. We have half of our team who are seniors who graduate this year and we are so happy

for them being able to finish off their season," Smith wrote in a message to the Echo. "They all are excited about being able to represent their school and themselves next week at Kawartha. They really appreciate the sacrifice of the staff who put so much time into them both in the classroom and on the court. This group of athletes is special to our coaching staff and we look forward to the rest of the playoffs."

Teams like the senior volleyball team had continued to practice in order to be prepared for the outside chance of being able to play again. Although the Hawks started slowly, the undefeated record was proof of their preparation.

"The girls came out sluggish after being out of competition since the board decisions caused some 'wrinkles,' which led to their last tournament being cancelled," Smith said. "They battled back and forth with St. Thomas in their first set [and were] finally triumphant 27-25. After a brief debrief they came back

stronger to win 25-11. They then went head-to-head with Brock right after [playing] St. Thomas. They were a little down on themselves but rebounded with a good start, finishing the first set 25-14. Then they allowed Brock back into the second set, but then finished them off 25-20. This puts them in first in the west along with Brock who finished second."

Smith expects the Hawks to play this week against Port Hope, the second place school from south and north central. Kenner finished first and will play against Brock.

Also advancing

The junior Hawks, who are coached by Dan Gimon and Janice Scheffee, also advanced to the Kawartha Championships with a second place behind Brock. Retired teacher Judi Paul went instead of Scheffee to enable the trip, as a faculty member is required to go.

With files from Steve Smith

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Red Hawks prepare for Knights at Kawartha final

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

Even before the Red Hawks senior boys basketball team defeated the Rams of Kenner Collegiate Vocational Institute 55-48 in the Kawartha Championship semi-final on Thursday, Feb. 13 to advance to the Central Ontario Secondary Schools Association championship, the players already felt like winners.

It was just last week coaches for most sports were telling athletes that seasons were done, as a result of the cancellation to extracurriculars for secondary schools in the Trillium Lakelands District School Board.

Ethan Glecoff, a Hawks basketball player and Grade 12 student, was happy when he learned his team's season would continue.

"For it being my last year of high school and thinking that I played my last game of Hal High ball against St. Thomas last Thursday, it was an amazing feeling to be able to get back on the court and play for a chance to go to COSSA. It was a great team effort to pull off the win against Kenner," he wrote in a text.

This was made possible by coaches enlisting retired teachers or administration staff to replace teacher coaches unable to leave class during school hours, or travel with coaches permitted to leave the school dur-

ing school hours because they are not part of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation.

The effort to allow athletes to compete wasn't lost on students such as Glecoff.

"It just shows how much they love the sport and believe in us to keep our playoffs going. Me and the whole team would like to give our vice principal a huge shout out for stepping up to coach us in our game at Kenner. He took the day off from a very important role at the high school to coach us through our victory and he did an outstanding job," he wrote.

Coach Paul Longo said the team had their best practice of the season this past Wednesday.

"Really, really great energy. Things were clicking in practice. Boys were happy that they got another game. Just a great energy. Like I said [earlier], this has been a really wonderful group of guys for three years [dating back to the junior team]. We were talking about that. They deserve to go on. They've earned it. They've worked hard. They listen and are open to ... constructive criticism so I'm really happy for them that they get a chance to play a championship game," he said.

Although Longo (and co-coach Sam Little) did not coach the team Thursday afternoon, he learned the team played well, leading wire-to-wire.

At the half, the Hawks had a 10-point lead. The lead was down to six at one point, but never any closer. This was proof of the Hawks' strength of play, but the competitiveness of the game was a reflection of the Rams.

"Because they're a good team. They play hard and we were able to shut down their three-point shooting for ... I think they only hit three or maybe four? Normally they hit 10 to 15. They're a very good shooting team so really happy with that," he said.

A Rams guard scored a game high 34 points.

Longo was impressed by his team being able to score 55 points against the zone defence employed all game by the Rams, which the Hawks had problems with in the past.

Hawks player James Alexander was a major factor to the team's success, Longo said.

Much of the season Alexander has played on the wing, but when he came off the bench to play at the five spot with Glecoff facing foul trouble, he played well defensively and also scored eight points. He "really, really stepped up." He brought tenacity and came through in the clutch, Longo said.

"That's great for him. A graduating student. I'm really happy for him. He's worked really hard all year," he said.

Leading the offence for the Hawks was big man Joe Boice with 19 points, followed by guards Brian Kim with 10 and Camden Marra with seven points.

The team is expected to play Norwood District High School in the Kawartha Championship final this week on Feb. 20 at

Norwood. Regardless of the outcome, both teams are assured of a COSSA berth and will play in the COSSA Championship Final on Feb. 27. The winner of the Kawartha final will be the top Kawartha seed and host COSSA, which will include schools from Quinte. The loser will be the second seed and face the top seed from Quinte.

Longo said he was happy with this concerted effort for the current situation and for the past few years.

"Can't say enough about the help in the building. This is a great place to work. We take care of each other in this building and very happy that things are working out right now," he said.

This doesn't just apply to this year or only people in the school, but applies to people outside of the school for the past several years, particularly for the basketball program with help from Dan Lapierre, Andy Valickis and Gord Cochrane.

"Everybody has earned the respect of all the players ... it's a great thing to be part of."

Junior Hawks end season in qualifier

Longo said the junior team won their first game 28-15, beating St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Secondary School on Thursday, Feb. 13. The team was without guard Jackson Wilson, who was out of the lineup because of a concussion from intramurals.

The team lost their next game to Kenner Rams and were eliminated from the playoffs. They needed to win both games to advance to the next round.

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Answers on page 14

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Gunter Horst submitted this photo of a porcupine up in a tree on Scotch Line Road.



On TV

Snowmobiler TV crew, seen standing on the Minden floating bridge, were filming a segment of the snowmobile RAP (Round Algonquin Park) tour earlier this month and spent time in the Haliburton Highlands. / Submitted



Bowling Scores

Monday, Feb. 10

High Average (cumulative)

Women – Cathy Snell – 220

Men – Rick West – 221

This Week's Highs – Women

High Single – Cathy Snell – 288

High Single Hcp – Ren Higgins – 298

High Triple – Cathy Snell – 689

High Triple Hcp – Cathy Snell – 701

This Weeks Highs – Men

High Single – Claude Cote – 268

High Single Hcp – Claude Cote – 290

High Triple – Gary Hunt – 601

High Triple Hcp – Gary Hunt – 679

Tuesday, Feb. 11

Men

High Average – Claude Cote – 196

High Single – John Pugh – 239

High Single H/C – John Pugh – 276

High Triple – John Pugh – 603

High Triple H/C – John Pugh – 714

Women

High Average – Chris Cote – 183

High Single – Chris Cote – 211

High Single H/C – Maureen Fahl – 274

High Triple – Chris Cote – 581

High Triple H/C – Maureen Fahl – 708



COUNTY OF HALIBURTON LAND DIVISION COMMITTEE NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR CONSENT

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN pursuant to Section 53(5)(a) of the Planning Act and Section 3, O.Reg. 197/96, as amended, that the following Applications for Consent have been submitted to the Haliburton County Land Division Committee, the consent granting authority in these matters.

AND FURTHER THAT at its meeting to be held Monday, March 9, 2020 at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building, County of Haliburton Office, 11 Newcastle Street, Minden, Ontario, this Application for Consent will be heard by the Land Division Committee:

1. File No. H-001/20

Applicant: Ron Stackhouse and Janice Scott-Wood
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 10, Concession 10, Geographic Township of Minden, now in the Township of Minden Hills
Nature of the Application: To permit a lot addition to abutting lands

2. File No. H-002/20

Applicant: Douglas Smith and Rosalinda Derringer
Location of the Property: Pt Lot 12, Concession 9, Geographic Township of Minden, now in the Township of Minden Hills
Nature of the Application: To permit a lot addition to abutting lands

Additional information regarding any of the above-noted applications is available for public inspection at the Land Division Office by appointment during regular business hours, Monday to Friday, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

If a person or public body that files an appeal of a decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent does not make written submissions to the Land Division Committee before it gives or refuses to give a provisional consent, the Local Planning Appeal Tribunal may dismiss the appeal.

If you wish to be notified of the decision of the Land Division Committee in respect of the proposed consent, you must make a written request to the undersigned.

Dated at the Township of Minden Hills this 19th day of February, 2020.

Lisa Gillan
Secretary-Treasurer
Haliburton County Land Division Committee
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NOTICE OF COMPLETE APPLICATION & Public Meeting Proposed Zoning By-Law Amendment PLZBA2020011

TAKE NOTICE that the Township of Minden Hills has received a complete application to amend the Township's Zoning By-law No. 06-10 pursuant to Section 34 of the Planning Act, RSO 1990, Chpt. P. 13, as amended. The site specific amendment applies to property municipally known as **112 Bobcaygeon Road** and located in Plan 1, Lots 5 & 6, in the Geographic Township of Minden (see Key Map below).

AND TAKE NOTICE that Council for The Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills will be holding a public meeting under Section 34 of the Planning Act. The purpose of the public meeting is to provide the public with an opportunity to understand and comment on the proposed Amendment.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The subject property is presently zoned Village Commercial (C4). The purpose of the zoning by-law amendment is to change the zoning to the site specific Village Commercial Exception Four (C4-4) Zone in order to permit three (3) dwelling units as a permitted use of the property.

DATE AND LOCATION OF PUBLIC MEETING - PLZBA2020011

Date: Thursday, March 12, 2020

Time: 9:00 AM

Location: Municipal Council Chambers,
7 Milne Street, Minden, Ontario

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION regarding the proposed Amendment is available to the public for inspection at the Municipal Office located at 7 Milne Street during normal office hours and online at www.mindenhills.ca/newsroom. For more information about this matter, including information about preserving your appeal rights, contact the undersigned at iclendenin@mindenhills.ca or by phone at 705-286-1260 (ext.206).

ANY PERSON may attend the public meeting and/or make written or verbal representation either in support of or in opposition to the proposed Zoning By-law Amendment.

IF YOU WISH TO BE NOTIFIED OF THE DECISION of the Township of Minden Hills in respect to the proposed amendment, you must make a written request to the Clerk of the Township of Minden Hills at the address below.

IF A PERSON OR PUBLIC BODY DOES NOT make oral submissions at a public meeting, or make written submissions to the Council for the Corporation of the Township of Minden Hills before the proposed by-law is passed, the person or public body may not be added as a party to the hearing of an appeal before the Local Planning Appeals Tribunal unless, in the opinion of the Tribunal, there are reasonable grounds to do so.

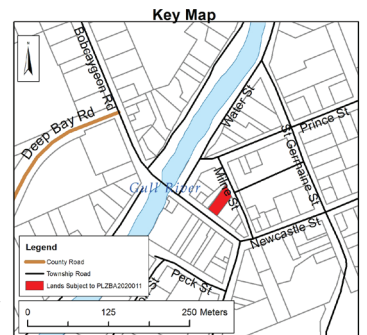
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DATED this 20th day of February, 2020

Ian Clendenin, MPL, Planner

Township of Minden Hills, 7 Milne Street, P.O. Box 359, Minden, ON, K0M 2K0
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**SIRCH: Social Enterprise, Family Roots and
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Speaker: Donna Gagnon
Hosted by The Canadian Federation Of University Women
Haliburton Highlands
When: Thursday, Feb. 20, 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Where: Malcolm MacLean Radio Hall at Canoe FM,
739 Mountain St, Haliburton (Park at the arena)
Cost: Free. All women who are considering becoming a
CFUW member are welcome to join us. www.cfuwhh.ca

The Stockdale Central in the Clubroom

When: Saturday, February 22, 2020, 3 to 6 p.m.
Where: Haliburton Legion, Clubroom
\$5 cover charge for non-members, 50/50 draw at 6:00 pm

National Cupcake Day

When: Feb. 24 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Where: Minden Animal Hospital
Minden Animal Hospital is once again baking scrumptious
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sweet tooth? Donations can be made by visiting
NationalCupcakeDay.ca, clicking "donate," and searching:
"MAH Fur Pets."

St. Pauls Anglican Church, Shrove Tuesday

When: Tuesday Feb. 25th, 5 to 6:30 p.m.
Where: 19 Invergordon Ave, Minden
Pancakes and Sausages, Dessert & Coffee or Tea
By Donation

Food Handler Course

When: Wednesday, Feb. 26, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.
Where: Health Unit office (191 Highland St., Unit 310) in
Haliburton.
This course teaches participants how to handle and
prepare food safely. Upon successful completion,
participants receive a certificate (valid for a period of five
years) indicating they are registered as a certified food
handler. Pre-registration is required. Cost \$40/person. To
register, call the Health Unit at 1-866-888-4577, ext. 5006.

Sexual Health Clinic

When: Wednesday, Feb. 26, 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.
The clinic provides clients with confidential access to
cervical screening, low-cost birth control, pregnancy testing
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sexually transmitted infections are also provided. For more
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When: Sunday, March 1, 2 p.m.
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DORSET NEWS

Lee Ross
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Stone Soup Simmer & Share is happening on Wednesday,
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office. Come at 10 a.m. with your favourite ingredients and
share in the simmering or come at 12 noon to eat-in or take
out. Leftovers will be shared with The Door Youth Centre in
Huntsville.

Once again the Dorset Snowball Winter Carnival was a
huge success. It was a beautiful day with temperatures just
below freezing. The parade saw more floats than it has in
more recent years, including those from local businesses,
community groups and lake associations. The day's activities
included a flyboarding demonstration in the channel, a polar
plunge at the Centennial Park, bouncy houses, birds of prey,
karaoke, skating, hockey and lots of delicious food. This year

marked the 30th anniversary of the Dorset Snowball and
there were people in attendance from all over the world. Big
thanks to all the volunteers who made the day such a success.

If you're out snowmobiling this winter please remember
that snowmobiles belong on the roads and not the sidewalks.
There have been multiple incidents on the sidewalk in Dorset
involving pedestrians. Several years ago a dog was hit while
the owner was walking it on the sidewalk in front of her
house. More recently, a local woman was told by a snow-
mobiler to get out of the way, as she walked on the sidewalk
to get to work. The sidewalk in town has become difficult to
walk on as snowmobiles have been getting stuck and spin-
ning their tracks, throwing the snow off so the glare ice is
exposed. This is an OPP issue, not a local government issue,
and the police have been made aware and will be monitoring
the sidewalks more closely.

Happy birthday to Jamie Hurley, John Keown, Sarah Jane
Johnson, Don Clayton and Lee Ross. Happy anniversary to
Ted and Gail Hope. For birthdays and submissions please
send them to burgesslt@me.com.

Dress up for prom or grad at no-cost shop

by **DARREN LUM**
Times Staff

If you're looking for that killer dress or dashing suit to look
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graduation or prom, come to St. Paul's Anglican Church in
Minden in April where you'll have access to a multitude of
formal options at the Make Dreams Come True event.

Started six years ago by Jenn Abbott and Nancy Lowes, the
community initiative helps youth find everything they would
want to complete their formal look for a Grade 8 graduation
or a prom. The free one-stop shop includes everything for
participants from head to toe, covering haircuts, offering
dresses, shoes, suits, shirts and ties, including tailoring.

There will be events held every Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2
p.m., starting early-April held weekly until June.

Abbott has loved being able to help youth over the years
and wanted to remind people of the program's return despite
moving from the Castle Antiques location.

"I'm just spreading the word to make people aware of what

we are offering," she said.

Keep up to date with the community initiative by following
Make Dreams Come True on Facebook.

Although Lowes is not part of the community initiative
anymore, Abbott is keeping Make Dreams Come True going.

"I kept it going because I enjoy doing it," she said.

Community support and donations from local businesses
have made the initiative possible.

New business support includes Courtney Barnum (Bruce's
Barbershop), Traditional Barber, Amy's Makeup Designs
and Aesthetics, and Sew What.

Abbott appreciates the ongoing support from area busi-
nesses such as Spa in the Highlands, Chantel Smith
Photography, Wind in the Willows, Touch of Class, Remedy
Rx, Pharmasave, Rexall and Todd's Independent.

"If people are interested in what we're doing they can join,"
she said.

Contact Abbott for donations and questions through
Facebook or call her at 705-286-0906.

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A Private Family Graveside Committal Service and Interment will be held at the St. Stephen's Cemetery, 2072 Buckslide Rd., Algonquin Highlands in the spring.

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Stanley was predeceased by father Leonard, mother Mary, sister Edna and brother Gordon. Stanley is sadly missed by Marion and his children Douglas (Kate), Lynda (Lou), Kenneth (Heather) and lovingly remembered by his five grandchildren Amanda (Brent), Angela, Chantell, Cody (Page), Livio and four great grandchildren Adia, Adelyn, Harrison and Keith.

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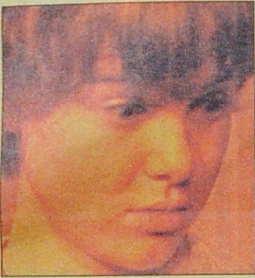
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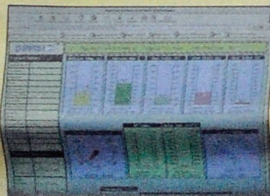
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A fanciful voyage

The Little Prince debuts at the high school Feb. 21. Bring the kids!
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Notable quotes:

"I want to rap your knuckles because I think that mentality is bull in this community."
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Commentary

"Hey! Ho! We will jump! Now it's time to drop that trump!"
Steve Galea talks about A Bridge Too Far ... and other unimaginable things.
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Bring it back!

Minden Hills reeve wants to revisit clean & clear by-law

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

To be clean and clear or not to be clean and clear? Minden Hills Reeve Ross Rigney wants an answer.

Rigney is ready to reintroduce the contentious clean and clear by-law for consideration of council and committee.

"I want it on the table as soon as possible," Rigney said at the legislation, by-law and fire committee meeting last week.

Rigney was prepared to start circulating the by-law in the public to garner comments and suggestions from taxpayers in Minden Hills.

The only problem standing in the way could be procedural limitations.

Councillor Peter Oyler wasn't

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Darren Lum/TIMES

Are you SURE this is OK?

Two-year-old Annie Lyons from Hunstville pets "Flower" the skunk who lies in the arms of Julie Lacroix from the Muskoka Wildlife Centre. It was centre's (and Annie's) first time at the annual Dorset Snowball which attracted nearly twice as many people as last year — more than 2000.

OPP prepped for any emergency — well, almost

by ALLISON TAYLOR
Times staff

The local detachment of the Ontario Provincial Police is prepared for any type of emergency that might happen in the county — well almost any.

"Other than response to a liquid or gas type of hazardous materials, I think we are in pretty good shape," said Staff Sgt. Bob Walli of the OPP.

Walli was on hand at the Minden Hills legislation, building, by-law and fire committee meeting on February 12 to answer questions about the OPP's responsibilities in the county's emergency plan. After a recent sewage spill on Lake Kashagawigamog, council has been reviewing protocol and emergency preparation in the county.

In response to September 11, there have obviously been some changes in how emergency personnel approach situations, Walli said.

After the terrorist attacks in the United States, the OPP dealt

see MINDEN page 2

Stockwell in neighbourhood to fight for premier's job

by JERRY GROZELLE
Times staff

Chris Stockwell was in Lindsay last week making his pitch for leadership of the Provincial Progressive Conservative Party. Stockwell says he is the best choice to replace Mike Harris, who will turn over the Premier's job to his successor in March.

The Tory Party's Common Sense Revolution, Stockwell says, has served its purpose. It has been very successful and he says he is proud of how well it has served Ontarians. But, he says, a revolution has a start, a middle and an end. He believes that revolution has successfully reached its end and it is time to move on with a new vision.

Stockwell says his vision for Ontario's

future includes increased spending on health care, a moratorium on changes to the education system and a different approach to how government business is carried out, including more free votes.

"We did a good job on the Common Sense Revolution," Stockwell said, pointing out that if he is elected to lead the party, he will continue with the principles that enabled the province to get back on its feet.

Health care is foremost on the minds of Ontarians. Stockwell said he would do his best to instill the fact that health care isn't free. He said it has been predicted that the cost of health care will soon consume 60 per cent of the provincial budget.

He said he will continue to lobby the federal government to live up to its previous

commitment to pay 50 per cent of the cost of health care. "The feds are not paying their fair share," he said, noting that the province is paying 85 per cent, while the federal government antes up only 15 per cent.

But, he has a plan. He would institute a health care premium, whereby a family would pay \$68 per year or an individual would pay \$34 per annum. He said the health care premium program would also have the benefits of showing who is using the system, how much it is costing for them to use the system, who is eligible and it would eliminate mistakes which are made in billing and control fraud. "It has been estimated that there is a billion dollars a

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